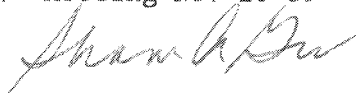


APPROVED: Meeting No. 20-89

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 16-89

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Worksession in the Boards & Commissions Room, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, April 18, 1989, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember Stephen Abrams

Councilmember James Coyle

Councilmember Viola Hovsepian

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, Assistant City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, Assistant to the City Clerk Nancy Gimble.

Re: Worksession with Cultural Arts  
Commission

Chairperson and members of the Cultural Arts Commission were present to discuss the following with the Mayor and Council:

A. FY90 Budget Proposals

1. Increase of \$1 per capita for Art in Public Places to \$1.50.

Mayor Duncan suggested the \$1 per capita for art remain, while appropriating money for a special fund for Town Center improvements this year in order to quicken completion of the area. The Mayor and Council will discuss a number of ideas with the Town Center Roundtable, including creation of a special fund, establishment of a partnership arrangement with private industry, and consultation with the County in designing sculpture for Courthouse Square.

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2. Hearing Impaired System for Fitzgerald Theatre.

Chairperson John Moser recommended receivers be purchased for use at the Theatre for the hearing impaired. The total cost would not exceed \$5000 nor interfere with patrons' vision of the stage. Mayor Duncan said that this item would be included on the FY90 Budget "Wish List."

3. Cable T.V.

The Commission supports the expansion of cable. City Manager Romer was instructed to include Cable TV in the budget recommendations in order to improve access.

4. One Percent Projects in FY90-95 C.I.P.

The Commission endorses one percent projects in FY90-95 C.I.P.

B. Rockville Arts Place.

Chairperson Moser requested consideration of funding by the City in addition to having the City assist in seeking funds from outside sources.

C. Beautification of Rockville Pike Corridor.

Chairperson Moser expressed the need for beautification of the medians along Rockville Pike by planting trees and flowers.

D. Wheelchair Access at Fitzgerald Theatre.

An earlier request made by the Human Rights Commission to the Mayor and Council was remodeling for wheelchair accessibility at the Theatre. The Cultural Arts Commission responded that they would continue to study such an improvement.

E. The Commission distributed their information packet entitled "Art in Public Places" to the Mayor and Council.

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Re: Worksession with Human  
Rights Commission

Chairperson and members of the Human Rights Commission were present to discuss the following with the Mayor and Council.

Chairperson Robert Dorsey reported that the Commission supports the following:

1. Budget Priorities

a. Human Rights Office Staff

Donald H. Vandrey, Executive Director, HRC

Jane English, Human Rights Officer

b. Suburban Maryland Fair Housing Grant

c. Montgomery County Human Relations Camp Grant

2. Affirmative Action Proposal--Commission Role in Data Analysis, Outreach, Goal Setting.

Mayor Duncan requested more input from the Commission on the Proposal.

3. Handicapped access to F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Stage; Audience Seating Plan; Taff Memorial.

Mayor Duncan requested more input on these and reported that the Cultural Arts Commission is continuing its research of the Theatre.

4. Commission Vacancies

Mayor Duncan requested the support of individual members in filling the current five vacancies on the Human Rights Commission.

The following was reported:

1. The Commission has taken in 50 cases this year (10 above last year).
2. Personnel has received 176 applications for Community Services Director.

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Re: Worksession with Landlord-Tenant  
Affairs Commission

Chairperson and members of the Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission were present to discuss the following with the Mayor and Council.

1. Chairperson Daniel Barnett requested the Mayor and Council's assistance in filling four Commission vacancies.

2. Calendar Year 1988 Statistics:

A total of 576 requests were made; of these, 23 percent were from landlords and 77 percent were from tenants.

3. "Information Brochure for Landlords and Tenants" has been distributed to all single-family renters and was printed in Spanish as well as English.

4. "Update of Apartments List Guide for 1989" was distributed to all those who requested the information. It was suggested that instead of listing the rental fees, ratings of "low," "low to moderate," etc. be shown with a key providing the ranges.

5. Prospects for Future Work Items

a) If the Housing Authority does not want to re-rent to the existing tenant, can the tenant appeal the decision before the Commission?

b) Should a policy be instituted that requires painting by a landlord after a tenant has resided in a rental property a certain number of years?

c) Illegal drug-related evictions.

Re: Worksession with Historic  
District Commission

Chairperson and members of the Historic District Commission were present to discuss the following with the Mayor and Council.

1. Chairperson J. Bryan Blundell discussed placing emphasis on neighborhoods such as Twinbrook. This area has a large number of dwellings that were built

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for veterans; many of these dwellings continue to house the original owners.

2. Promotion for the Historic District may be reached through the Commission's presence at Recreation and Park activities, in addition to offsetting the area through different street signs from the rest of the City. Changing the signage would also allow for a style in keeping with the historic feeling of the area.

3. The Historic Resource Plan that researches the nuts and bolts of structures is seeking State matching grants.

4. The Commission requested that it play a more active role in Town Center plans. City Manager Romer said that he would provide the Commission with information as it became available. Mayor Duncan solicited the Commission's recommendations prior to the May 8th meeting, when approval of the Town Center proposal would be on the agenda.

5. Mayor Duncan requested City Manager Romer provide information on plans for plantings at the "Little Mixing Bowl" (intersection of Falls Road, West Montgomery Avenue and Maryland Avenue).

Re: Worksession with Planning  
Commission

Chairperson and members of the Planning Commission were present to discuss the following with the Mayor and Council.

1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to be Considered Under "Housekeeping" Amendments Program.

A memorandum had been circulated prior to the meeting including the following:

I. Simple Housekeeping (correcting typos, missing text, and deleting unnecessary text).

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II. Amendments requiring some research and language drafting such as creating new or modified definitions, adding new uses and modifying some current standards and regulations. Those listed included duplicating services, health spa/club/public gym, elderly and child care facilities, pet grooming, private postal service, automobile fluid maintenance station, data processing, parking deck, lot coverage, encroachment, fence location height, car rental, signs, and parking standards for public uses.

III. Amendments requiring considerable research and drafting skills, and of such significance as to require individual public hearings. Those listed included satellite dishes, food service establishments, enhanced development potential for small lots, group homes, tree preservation, revised landscape requirements, development of standard parking space, moderately-priced dwelling units, research and development ordinance, and residential conservation district. Others completed or in progress include the following:

- a. additions to C-1 zone (adopted March 28, 1988)
- b. changes to I-1 zone (pending hearing T-93-89)
- c. rooftop mechanical equipment (pending adoption T-91-88)
- d. canopies and underground parking on Pike (adopted 1988)
- e. mobile uses (adopted 1987)
- f. veterinary clinics (adopted 1987)
- g. expand ownership lots to other zones (Mayor and Council denied during Pike planning process)

The Commission reported that the corrections and modifications to the Zoning Ordinance should be completed by the end of the calendar year.

2. Councilmember Hovsepien questioned the Commission regarding boarding houses as a viable housing alternative. The Commission was instructed to research all varieties of housing.

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Re: Executive Session

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Worksession, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to convene again in Executive Session to discuss property matters.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. to convene again in General Session on Monday, April 24, 1989, at 7:30 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor.